

**Mallow Parish.
Sacrament of Baptism.**

<i>St. Mary's Church:</i>	1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sunday of month at 1.00 p.m.
<i>Church of The Resurrection:</i>	2 nd & 4 th Sunday of month at 1.00 p.m.
<i>St. Mary's Church:</i>	Every Saturday at 5.00 p.m.

NAME OF CHILD: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ *Proposed date of Baptism* _____

PARENTS' NAMES: FATHER: _____

MOTHER: _____
(Please give mother's name before Marriage).

Please give a contact telephone number: _____

ADDRESS OF PARENTS _____

PRESENT PARISH OF PARENTS: _____

CHURCH WHERE MARRIED: _____ **DATE OF MARRIAGE** _____

GODPARENTS (SPONSORS) _____ **AND** _____

To undertake the office of Sponsor of a child for Baptism, a person must be –

- *Not less than 16 years of age.*
- *A Catholic, who has been confirmed, has received the Blessed Eucharist and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.*
- *One sponsor, male or female, is sufficient, but there may be two, one of each gender. (Not more than two).*

Code of Canon Law 874

(Please complete Form and with the original Birth Certificate hand into Parish Office not later than two weeks before Baptism).

BAPTISM - Preparation for the Sacrament.

Congratulations on the birth of your baby.

We welcome your child to the Christian community in Mallow.

The Sacrament of Baptism is the gateway to the presence of Jesus in your child's life.

Feed the child before the ceremony.

Be sure that you can open the child's garments for the anointing.

The parent should their hand behind the child's neck, take off the cap and hold the child over the font. (The water will be lukewarm).

One sponsor, male or female is sufficient, but there may be two, one of each gender, not more than two.

The sponsor/s may put their hands on the shoulders of the child while being baptised.

The sponsor/s should hold the white garment/christening shawl until after the child is baptised. The white garment is put on the child after the Baptism.

A parent should hold the candle, which is lit from the Easter candle in the church.

A donation to the priest and the sacristan is customary and would be appreciated. Please put offerings in separate envelopes.

You are requested to be in the church 10 minutes before the christening.
